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REFERENCES: (A) USNATO 1450 DTG 111002 MAR 77
(B) STATE 070712 DTG 302357Z MAR 77 (C) USNATO 1854, DTG
311605Z MAR 77.

1. WE DISCUSSED THE REF B RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST WITH ASYG
(DS) LABERGE AND WITH IS DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENTS, RESEARCH AND
DEVELOPMENT MUELLER. NEITHER BELIEVES THERE IS NOW ANY
POSSIBILITY THAT NADREPS WILL AGREE TO ADD THE FORTY MINUTE
BRIEFING TO THE CNAD AGENDA. COMMENT. WE MUST AGREE BASED ON THE
TENOR OF NADREPS DISCUSSIONS DURING THE MARCH 21 AND 28 MEETINGS.
NADREPS ARE PARTICULARLY UNWILLING TO CHANGE THE
AGENDA AND ARE MAKING A CONCERTED EFFORT TO MINIMIZE THE LAST
MINUTE SCURRY WHICH HAS PRECEDED CNADS IN THE PAST. END COMMENT.

2. NADS WILL REQUIRE THE TWENTY MINUTES ALLOCATED TO ANTI-
ARMOR DURING THE CNAD TO DISCUSS AND TO AGREE ON OR MODIFY THE
BROAD, FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM (REPORTED REF C) WHICH NADREPS ARE
FORMULATING. THE SUBJECT BRIEFING WOULD CONTRIBUTE
LITTLE TO THIS IMMEDIATE AND ESSENTIAL TASK BUT WILL,
WE BELIEVE, BE VALUABLE TO THE MAIN GROUPS
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AND PANELS WHICH MUST IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM.
INDEED, NADREPS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED THE IMPORTANCE OF
WEAPONS MIXES IN THEIR FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM.

3. LABERGE SUGGESTS THE US NAD ADVISE CNAD DURING THE
ANTI-ARMOR DISCUSSION THAT THE US HAD PERFORMED STUDIES
ON WEAPONS MIXES WHICH IT IS WILLING TO SHARE DURING THE
FOLLOW-ON PROGRAM. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE THIS AN APPROPRIATE
APPROACH WHICH WILL GET THE DATA IN SUFFICIENT
DETAIL TO NATO T THE WORKING LEVEL WHERE IE CAN BE

VALIDATED AND HOPEFULLY TRANSLATED INTO MEANINGFUL
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CNAD TO CONSIDER AT THE AUTUMN 77
MEETING. END COMMENT.STRAUSZ-HUPE'

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